

OFFSHORE PATROL CUTTER

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Offshore Patrol Cutter (OPC) is a next-generation ship that will complement the Coast Guard's current and future fleet to extend the service's operational capabilities. The OPC will replace the service's 210-foot and 270-foot Medium Endurance Cutters. It will feature increased range and endurance, more powerful weapons, a larger flight deck, and improved command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) equipment. The OPC will accommodate aircraft and small boat operations in all weather.

The Coast Guard is using a deliberative, two-phased design-build strategy to acquire the OPC. This approach establishes stable requirements and design early on in the life of the acquisition, which helps mitigate cost and schedule risks. The first phase includes preliminary and contract design, and the second phase will include detail design and construction.

For updates on the OPC, visit the project's website at http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/opc/.



"Acquiring a capable Offshore Patrol Cutter is critical to our long-term mission effectiveness."

-Adm. Robert J. Papp Jr., Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

CHARACTERISTICS:

Number Planned: 25

Length: To Be Determined (TBD)

Beam: TBD Draft: TBD

Displacement: TBD

Maximum Speed: TBD

Range: TBD

Endurance: TBD

Crew: TBD